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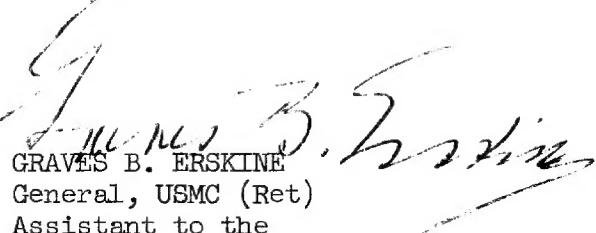
Dear Allen:

This is in response to your letter of 6 May 1961 concerning Department of Defense personnel support for your Coordination Staff.

We have asked each of the service intelligence chiefs and the Director, National Security Agency, to let us have within the next two weeks nominations of qualified individuals. In addition, the J-2, Joint Staff, has been asked to discuss with the Chairman whether it would be desirable and pertinent from his point of view to furnish a staff member for the Coordination Staff.

As soon as we have the necessary data, we will be in touch with [redacted]

Sincerely,



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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel
A copy of this letter has already been sent
to [redacted] for his information and the
original was shown to the Director.

For your information, I am attaching a copy
of the Agency's 6 May letter to the Secretary of
Defense.

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